

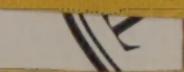


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THE KENDALL WHALING MUSEUM



Sharon, Massachusetts USA





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New Hampshire

Summer August <sup>the</sup>

12 = 1841

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13.40 my

August 28 = 1840

We spoke an Gorish packet  
bound for Forland

September <sup>the</sup> 10 = 1840

we arrived at florus and caroo  
after sailing four weeks in a  
east south east direction from  
thiare we sailed to pico and  
fyol and we got potatoes from  
pumpkins apples grapes and  
oranges florus and caroo are to  
thousand five hundred miles  
from kew Bedford and pico  
and fyol are three thousand  
miles from Bedford

October <sup>the</sup> 3 = 1840

we past the island saint  
nickolas after sailing three  
weeks in a south west course  
from fyol the 4th of October we  
arrived at the island foge and bravo

at bravo we got hogs hens duck  
goats and oranges lemons bananas  
at bravo now it is the heat of summer  
summer now corn and beans  
and potatoes are as green as ours in July from fyol to  
bravo it is 12 hundred miles  
Dec. we are now on the western  
ed whale ground and we  
are hav been hear about A  
1840 fortnight and we hav  
seen nothing but fin  
backs porphuses and one  
dead gumpier the gumpier  
and four porphuses made

one barrel of oil we hav  
spoke from whale ships the  
small of sea harbour with ten  
barrels of black fish oil  
and the franklin with  
two thousand barrels of oil

and the finland with one  
hundred and eighty barrels  
of sperm the franklin  
and finland belong to  
Bedford and the ship <sup>from</sup> ~~from~~  
of sag harbour bound for  
new holland with no oil  
it is summer season here  
now but it is as cold as  
Nov Skoember

12 m we arrived at the island  
28d trus d undechuna and the  
1880 twenty ninth we put a  
wright whale and the  
thirteenth we put another  
Dec whale we got another  
12 m wright whale the three  
4 d made us two hundred  
1880 and forty barrels of  
oil,

Jan we were cruising around  
1 m the crowsette islands <sup>h</sup>  
21 D this day we gut two wha  
18 211 whales one before break  
fast and the other in the  
after noon the larboard  
boat was stove in the  
morning but there wa  
now body wounded  
23 D we gut another whale  
25 D we gut another whale  
before breakfast these  
four made us three  
hundred barrels of oil  
29 D we killed a larg whale  
but it was so rough  
and near night that  
we had to cut from  
him after he was dead  
but he was a hard  
customer

19 D we gut another whale <sup>5</sup>  
20 D we gut another whale  
21 M these two made us up  
22 D six hundred and fifty  
1841 berrels and the fifth  
day we killed a verry  
small whale he stove  
the larbard boat and  
after that he sunk  
the same day we fastned  
to another whale but  
the iron drawd and  
we lost him we killed  
a larg whale but it  
came on foggy and we  
had to eat from him  
23 D and let him go we fastned  
to another whale and the  
iron broke and we lost  
him

Mar we made the island of  
3 m Madegasker is A flat  
1 d island the tenth we  
1821 spoke the bark hope  
of bedford 1 with twenty  
one hundred and eight  
hundred of sperm  
oil and the rest wright  
12 d oil we spoke the ship  
Lucy Ann wilmington  
with twelve hundred  
of sperm and twelve  
hundred wright whale  
oil

April we left the island of  
5 m Madegascar bound  
6 D for New Holland A  
1821 Sperm whaling  
21 D we made the  
island Saint Paul  
Saint Paules island

it lies in latitude <sup>7</sup>  
thirty seven and 8 half  
longitude 77 and is  
eighteen hundred  
miles from new  
holland

May 20 We spoke the ship  
Smont Pealiam of  
20 D new bedford with  
1831 twenty seven hundred  
barrels of oil eight  
hundred barrels of  
spur oil 29 months out  
22 D we spoke the ship  
Theonix of sag  
harbour with sixteen  
the hundred barrels of oil  
three hundred of spur  
23 D We spoke three ships  
one the ship americia  
of hudson with

twenty seven hundred  
barrels of oil twelve  
hundred of sperm  
And the ship  
adeline of New  
bedford 20 months  
out with six hundred  
barrels of oil  
and the ship Iselt  
of sailham eight  
months out with  
five hundred barrels  
of oil

28<sup>th</sup> we spoke the ship  
Brighton of New  
Bedford 25 months  
out with 24 hundred  
barrels of oil 11  
hundred of sperm  
oil she had one  
man killed by

A sperm whale 9.

June 20 After beating around  
6m Cape. loon. and on the  
27<sup>D</sup> coast of new holland  
1841 we made the island  
of New Holland  
for three weeks we  
under close reef  
main topsail we  
made the island  
7m of New Holland  
1841 we were on the coast  
of New Holland  
in search of A bay  
this day we gut seven  
black fish before  
breakfast  
19<sup>D</sup> we gut seven more  
black fish these  
made us fifteen  
barrels of oil and

Gut stove in the  
bargin

28 D We anchored about  
12 o'clock in Coffins  
Augus bay

8 m We gut A small  
4 D whight whale it was  
1441 very rough in the  
bay and we had one  
oar from the larbard  
boat stuck through  
the starbord boat  
then all we had to  
do was to tow the  
whale to the ship  
and cut him in  
and try him out and  
mend the boat

13 D we raised A large  
whight whale and  
calf about three

ships length ahead  
of two french ships  
which layd in the  
bay with us our ship  
was the furthest  
from the whale by  
half and laid to the  
leward the larbard  
boat was all the  
boat aboard the other  
three boats being  
ashore the larbard  
boat lowered and  
pulled up ahead of  
the french ships before  
they saw the whale  
they lowered eight  
boats then we all put  
for the whale eight  
against one but we  
fastned to the whale

and put him this  
whale made 85 barrels  
of oil

15D the french men  
put A. larg whale  
about four miles  
to the leward of the  
ship and it took  
them A half A day  
to tow him to the  
ship

18D It is one year ago  
to day that I came  
aboard of this blubber  
hunter and to day  
it has ben very  
rough and all hand  
aboard A stowing  
down oil and  
hoisting in and  
striking out the  
cable and scraping

13

off deck and pumping  
Ship ~~R~~ this ends  
one year of my life  
in A way that is  
horrible to relate  
299 we were A shore looking  
for whales and about  
3 o'clock in the after  
noon we saw two whale  
and the larbard and  
stanbard and one  
french boat started  
for the whales with  
sails set the larbard  
boat sailed about  
half way to the whale  
and the tub and bow  
van got crimped and  
turned her up side  
down sail and all  
hands were left in  
the salt drink we

got on the boat and  
shortly the starboard  
boat came and picked  
us up and we turned  
the boat over and  
towed her to the  
ship and we broke  
the gunnel of the  
boat hoisting her  
up the french men  
first after the whales  
but they proved to

Sept be hump backs  
August this day we hav been  
3m cruising for whales  
1D and gitting water  
1841 and wood aboard  
at this time there  
is six sick aboard  
and not able to do  
any thing one by the  
name of smith stephen

and william giles 15.  
and franklin wing  
and one to 3 port george  
one by the name of  
antone and one by the  
name of Joseph and  
one by the name of  
manuel and finally  
we are all not much  
better then sick

Sept 5<sup>th</sup> We chased a large  
9<sup>m</sup> whale and calf but it  
5<sup>D</sup> was such calm weather  
1841 and the french boats  
against us that we  
could not get him

6<sup>D</sup> We silled a large  
whale and calf on  
the other side of the  
bay the larboard boat  
fastned to him about  
11 o'clock and silled

him about twelve  
o'clock and then the  
bow and larboard boat  
Stuarted with the  
whale for the ship  
which was eight miles  
off and we towed him  
till dark and then  
the West and Starbuck  
boats came to our  
~~aid~~ Assistance and  
we gut him along  
side about ten o'clock  
that night and the  
next day we cut him  
in this whale made  
us Ninety barrels of oil

11 D Day there was a  
schooner came into  
the bay of which we  
gut four sheep and  
some potatoes and

carrots and cabbage 17  
and one barrel of oat  
meal

10 D One Portuguese by  
the name of Joseph  
died after being sick  
fourteen Days and not  
having anything pass  
through him only  
what he have up  
from his stomach we  
buried him the same  
day in as decent  
A way as we could  
this night we saw two  
whales about sunset  
right A head of the  
french ships and  
we lowered three  
boats and the french  
men lowered five  
boats but it was

so nigh night that  
we could not fit  
him that time  
therefore we had  
to wate for A better  
opertunity

149 Our Captain  
sold six and A  
half barrels of oil  
to the English  
men for potatoes  
and sheep

199 there was A sloop  
from port hadly  
port hadly is three  
hundred miles  
from coffins bay  
of this sloop we  
gut about thirty  
bushels of potatoes  
and rum cabbage  
for these ~~we~~

Our captain <sup>19</sup>  
sold ten barrels  
of oil

21D we wave I sending  
up our sails and  
maintegalant mast  
and yard about 2  
oclock in the after  
noon we saw a large  
whale and calf about  
a mile ahead of our  
ship we lourd three  
boats and the french  
men lourd six boats  
but we no gut him  
but we made him  
walk out of the bay  
faster then he came  
in I will warant you  
22D All three ships hoist  
their anchors and  
stuarted for congeroo

islands & spurn  
whaling but we  
had not got out  
of the bay before  
it came on A terrible  
blow which lasted  
two days and two  
nights the first  
night our captain  
was on deck all  
night and all  
hands were A part  
of the night tacking  
in sail and the  
boats this is the  
hardest gale that

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We saw two whales  
about A half mile  
ahead of our ship  
and we lowered three  
boats and palled

27D

after them about 21  
two ours and gave  
it up as a bad job  
that there is no  
remedy for

We saw to sperm  
whales before breakfast  
and we lowered three  
boats and the waist  
boat darted at one  
of them but did not  
fastne then the  
starbord boat got a  
chance at one of them  
and fastned but it  
was so rough that  
we could not git  
the other one this  
whale we git along  
side and took his  
blubber of and it  
was so rough that

that we lost the  
head which was  
about half of the  
whale the blubber  
of this whale made  
us forty eighty  
Oct barrels of oil

10m our captain saw two  
2 D sperm whales on  
1841 our larband became  
about A half mile  
from the ship but  
it was sunset and  
so enough that  
we could not lower  
we are now in A  
place called the  
Austrean bight this  
is on the coast of  
New Holland we hav  
not had A calm  
day since we came

October out of the bay 23  
the 11 our Captain flogged  
A portugee for striking  
striking another  
portugee with an  
iron pole on the  
head he gave him  
eight hard blows with  
A pees of tare rope  
which was A half  
inch through this  
is one of our sundy  
morning speanows  
and it is the first  
day that we could  
carry all sail <sup>since</sup> we  
stober came out of the bay  
the 18 we raised A wright  
whale about 11 o'clock  
in the forenoon and  
lowered the starbord  
lanbard and wast

boats the starboard boat fastned and we cilled him and gut him along side about one o'clock but it was so rough that we lost his head and afterward ~~the~~ the fluke chain parted and we lost about one greater part of the whale

18 D

we saw an other whale and the larboard and bow boat lowered and the bow boat struck him and we brought him along side and set him in

19 D

we saw another whale but it was to rough to lower

20<sup>D</sup> we saw three whales  
and we lowered the  
larbard wast and ~~bow~~  
boats starbard boats  
the larbard boat fastned  
to one and the starbard  
boat fastned to another  
and the wast fastned  
to our whale the  
larbard boat gut stood  
cracked twice and the  
steaming oar broke in  
to plases by the whales  
head but we silled  
him and then he sunk  
but the starbard boat  
saved their whale so  
we saved one out of  
the three

21<sup>D</sup> We spoke the bark pacific  
from france with six  
hundred barrels of

22d whale oil

23d We saw A whale and lowered the larboard and bow boats but the whale gut in the smoke of the ship and gut galled so that we could not ~~teck~~ catch him

26d We saw to whales about ten o'clock and we lowered all four of the boats the larboard boat struck one of them and the she gut A hole stove in the bow so that we had to let the bow boat take the whale and we came aboard of the ship and gut another boat and then we

put after the whales  
again when we glut  
up with them when  
North had killed  
our whale and the  
starboard boat had  
fastened to the other  
whale we killed this  
whale also and we gut  
them along side about  
four o'clock in the  
afternoon and the  
next day we cut them  
in

299 We saw a whale  
about ten o'clock and  
we lowered the larboard  
and waist boats the  
larboard boat fastened  
to him and killed  
him with the  
iron

for he saw it while  
I'm and lowered the  
D larbard west and  
1841 bow boats the  
larbard boat struck  
the whale and killed  
him alone

4D we saw A whale and  
the larbard and  
starbard boats lowered  
and the larbard  
boat fastened to him  
and killed him the  
same day we spoke  
the Orion of Nantes  
in France five month  
months out with five  
hundred of whale  
oil

14D he saw A whale  
and lowered the  
larbard and

starboard boats the  
larboard boat <sup>29</sup>  
fastned and the  
ion drawd and we  
lost him we then  
came aboard and  
had yest get the  
boats hoisted up  
and we saw  
another whale  
and lowerd down  
for him but  
could not get  
fast

5D We saw another  
whale and lowerd  
the larboard and  
starboard boats  
but the ship  
went into his  
wake and it  
was so rough

that we could  
not get him  
19D We saw to whales  
and toward the  
larboard starboard  
and west boats the  
starboard boat  
pulled into their  
wakes and we lost  
them

20D We saw three whales  
and toward the  
larboard starboard and  
west the starboard  
boat fastned to one  
of them and killed  
him and then he  
sunk this was a  
verry small whale  
the same day we saw  
to more whales and  
toward the larboard

wast and bow  
boats the larboard  
boat fastned and  
and we killed him  
this whale proved  
to be A dry skin  
the same day we spoke  
the ship Fanny of  
saghabour six  
months out with  
seven whales of  
this ship we herd  
of the death of  
general Garrison  
this is the first  
news that we hav  
had concerning  
the president

21 D We saw A whale  
and loward the  
larboard and bow  
boats the larboard

boat fastned to  
him and called  
him before the  
bow boat got up  
with us this day  
we spoke the ship  
Barkley of Kew  
Bedford 17 months  
out with 14 hundred  
barrels of oil &  
hundred of humpback  
oil

22D we saw to whales and  
lowerd the larboard  
and starbord boats  
the larboard boat  
fastned to one of them  
and the ions drawd  
and we lost him

23D we saw another whale  
and we lowerd the  
larboard and wast

boats the larbard <sup>33</sup> boat  
fastned to him and  
fetched him along  
side this is the first  
whale that this boat  
has gut be what I  
have ben in her  
this is the largest  
whale that we hav  
gut on this ground  
it was so rough that  
we lost his head  
and throat and

Spiffs

8 I Our Captain saw to  
whales of deck with to  
men at the masthead  
we hoisted the larbard  
starbard and bow  
boats the bow boat  
fastned to him he  
run them till the

line franted and we  
lost him

29 D We saw two whales  
but it was to  
rough to lower

Decem We saw a whale

5 D and lowered the  
12 m larbard starbard

12 m and wast boats  
the wast boat fastned  
to him the starbard  
boat gut ~~ran~~ cracked and  
the old man gut  
nocked over board  
but did not get hurt

6 D We saw another whale  
and lowered the  
starbard larbard and  
bow boats the larbard  
boat fastned to him  
and he run to the  
windard untill he

dyed we are now 35  
about starting for  
home with a very  
leaky ship

8 D

We saw two whales and  
lowered the larboard  
and waist boats they  
both fastned but the  
lines got afowl and  
we had to cut the waist  
boats line but we  
cilled them both but  
the old man would  
not take but one of  
them along side of  
the ship because she  
leaked so bad

9 D

We Spoke the Ship  
Washington of Sag  
Harbour six months  
out with six hundred  
barrels of oil the

Same day we saw  
a whale and lowered  
the larboard and port  
boats but he was so  
growing at such a rate  
that we could not  
catch him

12 D There is a gale of  
wind and the old  
man put the ship  
before the wind for  
home

14 D the gale is over and  
the old Hebrew is so  
beating to the south  
again and the ship  
is leaking like

Feb 1 Sam Hill

11 D We had a gale of wind  
18 D which lasted two days  
the seckunt day we sent  
down the topgallant yards

we are now beating 37  
around the cape of  
good hope in latitude

32 we have been for a  
week past beating about  
with a head wind in  
latitude 32:: 33:: 34:: 35

13 D this night the barba-  
rash catched a black  
fish which took them  
so much of their watch  
that they could not  
pump ship a thing  
which we have to do  
every two hours

14 D We have now a fair  
wind which we are  
all in hopes will  
carry us around the  
cape

15 D We are now in a  
gale of wind with

with all sail taken  
in but close reef main  
topsail and reefed  
foresail this day thare  
is a sail in sight  
carrying all sail till  
they carryed away they  
naintegallant yard ana  
mast

16D We hav the wind  
about three points  
free.

17D We hav still A fair  
wind and A gowing  
ahead at the rate of  
eight not an hour  
we are now about A  
hundred and fifty  
miles from the cape

of Good Hope

18D We hav A light  
breeze with the wind

39

19 D on the beans

19 D We had a light brew  
in the forenoon in  
the afternoon the breeze  
increases and continues  
till we had to take in  
the topgallant sails and  
double reef the topsail  
and furl the mainail  
we are now to the west  
of the Cape of Good Hope  
steering more  
north West By North  
this day there was a ship  
crossed our bows steering  
north east there is a  
brig astern of us  
steering the same course  
that we are

20 D We had a fair wind  
this day

21 D We had a light but

fair breeze till night  
when ~~the~~ the wind  
came a head and we  
took in sail this  
day I had something  
of it rangle with the  
Mate and old man  
about slushing the  
fore top mast X

229 We had a head wind  
this day thare is a  
sail in sight standing  
to the East it is the  
five months to day  
since we saw land

230 We hav a fair but  
and stiff wind

240 We still hav a fair  
wind which carries  
us along at the rate  
of two hundred miles  
in twenty four hours

25. D. <sup>4</sup> W<sup>o</sup> still it fair and  
stiff breeze this night  
there was A sail come  
in sight standing the  
same way that we are  
W.D. We had it fair wind  
this day till about  
oclock in the afternoon  
then we saw three  
spurwinkles we  
soward the Starboard  
saybark and boat boat  
the Larbard boat fast  
to one of them and got  
stove so that she fill  
in A few minutes when  
the boat espised and  
left us all in the salt  
water but there was  
no body hurt the  
wast boat come  
and picked us up

and towed the boat to  
the ship the starbord  
and bow boats went  
after the whale and  
got him this whale  
belongs to the barbard  
boat we got him  
along side about dark  
we sent him in and  
commenced boiling  
him out

280 We made sail and  
steered north by  
East this was an acoun  
t of boiling

281 We finished boiling  
3m this morning and are  
19 steering north by north  
1842 East for St Helen  
this whale made us  
about fifty five barrels  
of oil

2 D We hav A fair but <sup>43</sup>  
light breez

3 D We hav A lite wind  
yet

4 D The wind is fair in  
A little more of it then  
we hav had for the last  
three days this day we  
are all hands on deck  
binding up whale bone  
and washing of deck we  
are steaming North West  
By North and within  
A few days sail of  
Saint Hcelena

5 D We hav still A fair  
but light breeze  
this day I got A <sup>44</sup>for  
knife out of the  
slop chest I hav  
had. I tin han 8.5 lbs of  
tobacco & lbs of soap

One pair. of Followers  
this is all that I hav  
had out of the slop  
chest this voyage X

6 P This twenty four hours  
we hav had A fair and  
decent breeze this day  
we sent up one.

Maine gallant Studen  
Sail we hav had no  
studensails but the  
fore topmast studenails  
set before this

8 P We made the island of St  
Helena and anchord about  
dark

9 P We are A washing the ship  
and fixing to paint this  
day I hav been abore about  
four in the afternoon there  
was A Dutch and A English  
ship aire in besides A

Portugees schooner with 343  
slaves this was taken by an <sup>HD</sup>  
english man of war there  
has been 2200 slaves brought  
to this island within its  
months all taken from the  
Portugees by the English

13 D We are getting water and  
painting ship there is ships  
coming and going from  
here every day

14 D We are getting water  
and stowing down water  
three ships came in today  
one English bark ran  
into a whale ship and  
away her fly sail and jib boom  
the bark had her spanker  
torn away and a boat stow

15 D The starboard watch is ashore  
this is the first liberty  
that we have had since

we left Amercia  
12<sup>th</sup> this morning our fourth  
mate died in the hospitile  
after being sick about four  
months with the consumption  
he was buried the same day

16<sup>th</sup> We left the island of  
Saint Helena on this  
island there is a pair  
of stairs with 700  
steps up a mountain  
Gametown is the  
capital we have been  
cruising for two days  
past

13<sup>th</sup> All hands have been  
to the old man and  
told him that we  
were dissatisfied to  
cruise any longer the  
ship leaked so bad  
and the old man

put the ship before  
the wind for home <sup>47</sup>  
We made the Ascension  
this is a small island  
and lays in latitude  
Seven and longitude  
about the same

26<sup>th</sup> There is no sail in  
sight this day we  
put out two Snowy Studen  
sails this last week  
all hands have been  
on deck A rigging  
the ship we had  
again but light bres  
April this last week

4<sup>th</sup> We crossed the line  
10<sup>th</sup> we hav laid bear  
18<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> in. A calm for three  
weeks past with  
seen other ships  
with us

24<sup>d</sup>. We are in latitude  
eleven and A half  
we hav had A stiff  
breeze for twelve  
days past this day  
there is A ship in  
sight which we are  
A gowing wright

May 28<sup>th</sup> been

25<sup>d</sup>. We are in latitude  
12° 26' 33" this day we  
1822 hav A fair S<sup>et</sup>  
light breeze this same  
day we Spoke A brig  
from Saco by the  
name of Norway  
bound for New York  
with A cargo of lumber  
fourteen days from  
Wilmington North  
Carolina Carolina

12. D. This day we are in <sup>49</sup>  
latitude 36° 59' in  
A gale of wind with  
all sail furled but  
the fore sail and close  
reaf main top sail  
this day we hove the  
try works overboard  
and took in the  
boats and sent down  
the main rial yard  
about five o'clock in  
the afternoon it  
calmed down and the  
wind came ahead

17. D. We hav A fair and  
stiff breeze about ten  
o'clock we made ~~the~~  
long island the next  
was block island  
which we made about  
eleven o'clock and

this night we anchor'd  
in New Bedford  
river and the next  
day about four o'clock  
we were clear of the  
ship



March the 19<sup>th</sup> = 1842

This certifies that we the Subscribers on board ship Washington at sea do not consider ourselves safe to cruise in the condition which she now is in because she is both rotten and leaky and it is our desire that the ship should go immediately home.

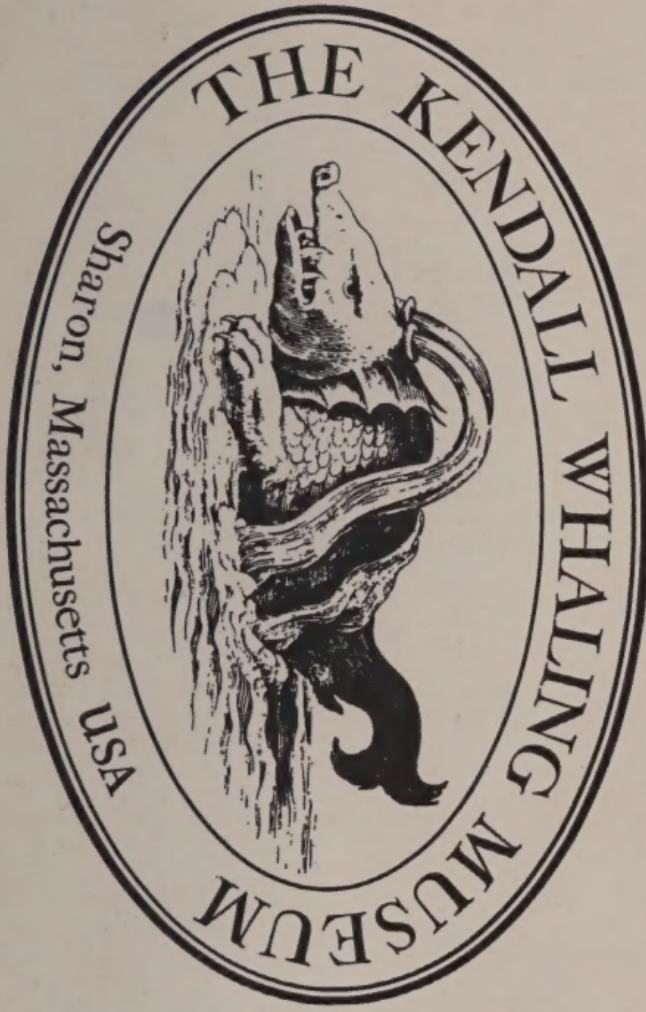
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